

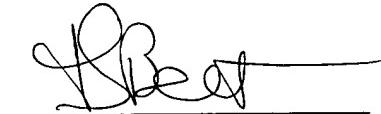
**R E M A R K S**

Claims 1 – 18 are pending in the present application. Applicants amend claims 1, 7, 9, 13, 16 and 17. No new matter is introduced.

It is believed that claims 1 - 18, consisting of independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16, and the claims dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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